



City of Clermont **Building Services**

Owner-Builder Information

Only a licensed contractor or the legal property owner can obtain a building permit.

If an applicant applies as an owner/builder, the building must be for their own use and occupancy. It may not be for sale or lease. If an owner/builder sells or leases the building within one year after construction is completed, the law will presume that it was built for sale or lease, which is a violation of Florida State Statute 489.103 (7).

It is the owner/builders responsibility to make sure the employees working for them have the required licenses from the state and/or county municipal licensing ordinances. Any person working on the building who is not licensed must work under the owner/builders direct supervision and must be employed by them. The owner/builder must provide worker's compensation as prescribed by Florida law as well as comply with the IRS requirements concerning F.I.C.A. and withholding taxes.

Do not hire an unlicensed contractor to perform work

Homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors potentially face several costly penalties. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation can issue an order to stop construction and can levy a \$5,000 fine for aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors.

Click on the following, [Owner-Builder Builder Disclosure Statement](#), to be directed to the form which must be signed, notarized, and included with your permit application.

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